



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1008

VLT; fee exemptions; first responders
Prime Sponsor: Senator Kavanagh, LD 23

DP Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

DP Caucus and COW

X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

SB 1008 modifies the VLT and registration fee exemption allotted to the spouse or dependent of a deceased law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency responder to include first responders and volunteer first responders.

PROVISIONS

1. Modifies the VLT and registration exemption to include the spouse or dependent of a first responder, rather than a law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency responder.
2. Stipulates that the VLT and registration fee exemptions allotted to the spouse or dependent of a deceased law enforcement officer, firefighter or ambulance attendance includes volunteer first responders operating in an official capacity on behalf of a government entity that is involved in an emergency or law enforcement response.
3. Defines *first responder*.
4. Stipulates that the provisions of the bill apply retroactively to January 1, 2016.
5. Contains an Emergency Clause.

CURRENT LAW

A vehicle license tax is required to be paid for all vehicles registered for operation upon highways ([Article IX, Section 11, Constitution of Arizona](#)). In addition, an eight dollar registration fee is required for all motor vehicles and a nine dollar fee is assessed for all motorcycles ([A.R.S. § 28-2003](#)). Currently, [A.R.S. § 28-5803.01](#) exempts surviving spouses and dependents of deceased law enforcement officers, firefighters or emergency responders killed in the line of duty or as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty from paying a VLT or registration fee. [A.R.S. § 36-661](#) defines a *first responder* as a law enforcement officer, a firefighter or an ambulance attendant.